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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and in response to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are submitted for your consideration. A petition for extension of time for two (2) months is enclosed herewith, extending the period of response to Wednesday, February 13, 2002.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 4, 5 and 6 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed thereby.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A nonwoven laminate comprising:

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a first layer having a first side and a second side, said first layer comprising a nonwoven web of multicomponent fibers having a first polymeric component and a second polymeric component in distinct zones across the cross-section of the fibers which extend substantially continuously along the length of the fibers, said multicomponent fibers having an average fiber diameter less than about 7 micrometers;

a second layer proximate the first side of said first layer, said second layer comprising a nonwoven web of continuous bicomponent spunbond fibers having an average fiber diameter greater than about 10 micrometers;

a third layer proximate the second side of said first layer, said third layer comprising a nonwoven web of continuous bicomponent spunbond fibers having an average fiber diameter greater than about 10 micrometers; and